

Johnson Tells Crowds About 'Exciting Day'

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CINCINNATI, Oct. 16—President Johnson came to Ohio and Kentucky tonight to tell the folks about what an "exciting day" it had been in the White House.

Mr. Johnson's evening of campaigning began with an informal talk to a crowd of several thousand at the greater Cincinnati airport, which is in Covington, Ky., just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati.

From the airport he went to downtown Cincinnati where he spoke to a large crowd in Government Square. Later in the evening he went to Dayton, Ohio, for another speech.

But it was at the airport that the President demonstrated his just-folks manner the best.

He noted that ordinarily he did not like to talk too long at an airport because people are uncomfortable standing and airplanes are making noise.

But Mr. Johnson said, "these are sobering hours in the history of the world" and he said he thought it only fair to share some of his "exciting day" with the people who came out to see him.

The President said that he was up at 6:30 a.m. and before going to his office read 15 newspapers as well as numerous reports and cables.

Following that, he said, "we planted two trees on the White House lawn" because it is customary for Presidents to do so.

"Then," Mr. Johnson went on, "I visited for about an hour with the Soviet Ambassador."

Ambassador Dobrynin told him, the President said, about the many problems in the Soviet Union and about the

changes in the Soviet government on Thursday.

In downtown Cincinnati, the President told the crowd that the future course of a newly troubled world will hinge on the outcome of the American presidential election Nov. 3.

Speaking to a large crowd in downtown Cincinnati, the President said the voters not only will be electing a President but "electing the kind of life you will have in the future."

Without mentioning his rival, GOP presidential nominee Barry Goldwater, Mr. Johnson said that in such times as today—when the Russians have changed their government and the Chinese Communists have exploded a nuclear weapon—there is need for stability, strength and steadiness in government.

"A President cannot make the world sure for America, but he can and he must make the world sure of America," Mr. Johnson said.

The President went on to say that the world is not going to respond to partisan appeals but only to "effective performance of the bipartisan system in the American way."

"We must show stability to match our strength," he said. "We must show steadiness to match our strength. The meaning of the future can be influenced by the choice that the people make in the election."

"Be sure you know what you are doing and be sure you are right," he declared.

The President said that in its present turbulent state, the world must be assured that "America will not turn from the course we are pursuing."

Jibing at some of Sen. Goldwater's charges, the President

said:

"Some people may say that we are wild spenders but in their hearts they know they are wrong."

He thus reversed a Goldwater slogan to the effect that "in your hearts you know he's right," meaning the GOP nominee.